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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) under agenda item 86 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/55/572.

2. On 8 December 2000, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee, the General Assembly adopted resolution 55/135 entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects", in which, inter alia, it requested the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session and decided to keep the item open during its fifty-fifth session.

3. The Fourth Committee resumed its consideration of the item, at its 29th meeting, on 3 August 2001 (see A/C.4/55/SR.29).

4. At that meeting, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/1024).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23

5. At the 29th meeting, on 3 August, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/55/L.23).

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6. At the same meeting, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.4/55/L.24).

7. Also at the same meeting, the representatives of India and Zambia made statements (see A/C.4/55/SR.29).

8. Also at the 29th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 without a vote (see para. 10).

9. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement (see A/C.4/55/SR.29).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 54/81 B of 25 May 2000 and 55/135 of 8 December 2000,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, inter alia, through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all States Members of the Organization make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by many Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

[1] A/55/1024.

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 33 to 136 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or that participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".